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of the Parties to the Treaty
on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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DRAFT REPORT OF MAIN COMMITTEE I

Establishment and Terms of Reference

1. Pursuant to rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the Conference established Main Committee I as one of its three main Committees and referred to it the following items for its consideration (NPT/CONF.IV/1):

Item 13. Review of the operation of the Treaty as provided for in its Article VIII (3):

Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security:

(1) Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1-3.

(2) Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8-12.

(3) Article VII, with specific reference to the main issues considered in this Committee.

Security assurances:

(1) Resolution 255 (1968) of the United Nations Security Council.

(2) Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

(3) Consideration of proposed agreement on the prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States Parties to the treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (proposal by Nigeria).

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Officers of the Committee

2. The Conference elected Ambassador Bariyu Adeyemi (Nigeria) as the Committee's Chairman; Ambassador Todor Ditchev (Bulgaria) and Ambassador Oscar Vaerno (Norway) served as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

Documents before the Committee

Background documentation */

3. The Committee had before it the following background documentation:

NPT/CONF.IV/1	Final Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.IV/2	Basic facts within the framework of the United Nations in connection with the realization of the purposes of the tenth paragraph of the Preamble of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.IV/3	Basic facts within the framework of the United Nations in connection with the implementation of Articles I and II of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.IV/5	Basic facts within the framework of the United Nations in connection with the realization of the purposes of Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.IV/6	Dynamics and consequences of the nuclear-arms race including its quantitative, qualitative and vertical aspects
NPT/CONF.IV/7	The dynamics and consequences of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons
NPT/CONF.IV/8	Studies relevant to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.IV/9	Present status of negotiations of the Conference on Disarmament on "Nuclear Test Ban"
NPT/CONF.IV/10	Present status of negotiations of the Conference on Disarmament on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear-arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control

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*/ Some of the documents may also cover items allocated to other Main Committees.

NPT/CONF.IV/11 Present status of negotiations of the Conference on Disarmament on "Effective International Arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons"

NPT/CONF.IV/15 Memorandum from the General Secretariat of the Agency for the Prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean prepared for the Fourth Review Conference

NPT/CONF.IV/16 Memorandum from the Secretariat of the South Pacific Forum on the subject of the South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone Treaty prepared for the Fourth Review Conference

Documents containing elements relevant to a Final Declaration

4. The following documents were submitted to the Conference on the items allocated to the Committee:

NPT/CONF.IV/17 Consideration of proposed agreement on the prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (Proposal by Nigeria)

NPT/CONF.IV/18 Memorandum submitted by the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/19 Information on the implementation by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/20 United States information pertaining to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/21 The United Kingdom's implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 1985-90

NPT/CONF.IV/24 Letter dated 10 August 1990 from the Head of the French Delegation to the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, addressed to the Provisional Secretary-General of the Conference

NPT/CONF.IV/25 Message of President George Bush of the United States of America to the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/26 Message of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/27 Message from Mr. Alberto Fujimori, President of Peru, to the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/28 Letter dated 23 August 1990 from the Deputy Head of Delegation, Federal Republic of Germany, and the Deputy Head of Delegation, German Democratic Republic, to the Secretary-General of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/29 Letter dated 22 August 1990 from the Italian delegation

NPT/CONF.IV/30 Letter dated 23 August 1990 from the Deputy Head of the delegation of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.IV/31 Working paper submitted by Egypt

Work of the Committee

5. The Committee held ..... formal meetings between 24 August and .. September 1990; its discussions are summarized in documents NPT/CONF.IV/MC.I/SR.1-... After an initial general exchange of views on the agenda items referred to it, the Committee gave consideration to proposals contained in the documents listed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and to proposals contained in a number of working papers and conference room papers presented to the informal working groups.

6. At its 3rd meeting on 29 August 1990, the Committee established three open-ended working groups to facilitate the consideration of matters before it. In addition, the Committee established an open-ended Sub-Committee on Security Assurances.

7. The allocation of work was as follows:

- Working Group 1 (chaired by Mr. Torbjorn Aalbu of Norway) considered Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3;

- the Sub-Committee on Security Assurances, and subsequently Working Group 2 (chaired by Mr. Radoslav Deyanov of Bulgaria), considered issues of security assurances allocated to the Committee;
- Working Group 3 (chaired by Ambassador Bariyu Adeyemi of Nigeria) considered Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12.

By agreement with the Chairman of Main Committee II, the political aspects of Article VII were addressed in that Committee.

8. The Committee agreed to submit to the Conference the following report on its work:

I. Review of Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3
(to be submitted)

II. Review of Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12
(to be submitted)

III. (Security assurances - wording to be decided)
(to be submitted)